

Temple footbridge closure

26 May 2023

Due to safety concerns we closed Temple Footbridge on Monday 15 May, until further notice.

Temple Footbridge enables pedestrians to cross the River Thames just upstream of Temple Lock near Marlow, adjacent to Temple Ferry Place, Mill Lane, Hurley, Maidenhead, SL6 5ND.

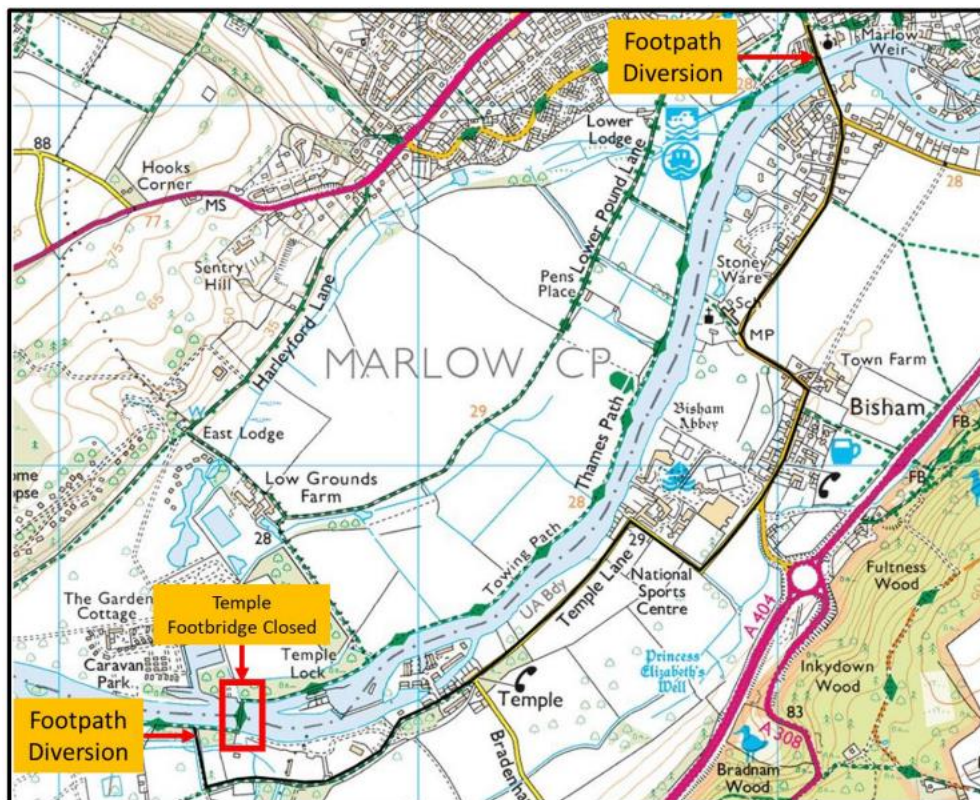
As the navigation authority for the non-tidal River Thames, we carry out regular surveys of all our navigation structures, which includes numerous bridges, so we can monitor their condition and plan any remedial work which might be necessary.

Temple Footbridge has reached the end of its design life, but we have been able to keep it in safe use by carrying out repairs to some sections. However, the condition of the bridge's deck boards have deteriorated more quickly than anticipated since the last survey, with holes in some of the boards now evident.

We now need to assess what work may be required to ensure the bridge can be safely used once more, and until that is completed, the bridge must remain closed.

At present, we are unsure what the timescale for that might be, but we are well aware of the inconvenience the bridge closure will cause to the local community and will look to resolve the issue as soon as we can. Unfortunately, as the bridge has reached the end of its intended design life, we cannot rule out the need to replace it completely.

The formal diversion route shown below is in place.



For the latest information on this issue, please visit [Temple Footbridge closed until further notice - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/temple-footbridge-closed-until-further-notice) (www.gov.uk)

